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TAGS: PFOR SALT SOPN UR US
SUBJECT: SOVIET WEEKEND PRESS ON U.S. SALT PROPOSALS

SUMMARY: SOVIET WEEKEND PRESS COMMENT ON U.S. SALT
PROPOSALS CONTINUES VERY NEGATIVE, BUT WITH IMPORTANT
QUALIFIER THAT THE WAY IS STILL OPEN FOR SUCCESSFUL RESO-
LUTION OF DIFFERENCES PROVIDED U.S. TAKES APPROPRIATE STEPS.
END SUMMARY.

1. PRESS COMMENT ON U.S. SALT PROPOSALS CONTINUES STRONGLY
NEGATIVE WITH CRITICISM OF NEW ADMINISTRATION AND
WHITE HOUSE SOMEWHAT SHARPER. PRAVDA POLITICAL COMMENTATOR
GEORGIY RATIANI CHARGES APRIL 9 THAT IN
ADDITION TO ITS OTHER NEGATIVE MOVES (E.G. HUMAN
RIGHTS), NEW ADMINISTRATION DID NOT PUT FORTH SALT
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PROPOSALS IN ORDER TO ADVANCE TALKS. HE GOES ON
TO CITE SENATOR JACKSON AS URGING WHITE HOUSE TO
HOLD TO ITS TOUGH POSITIONS, IMPLYING BUT NOT
STATING A CONNECTION. TASS WASHINGTON ITEM
PRINTED IN PRAVDA APRIL 11 FURTHER STRENGTHENS
LINK BETWEEN WHITE HOUSE BY CITING UPI STORY THAT
JACKSON IS BEING LISTENED TO IN WHILE HOUSE AND

THAT JACKSON FORMULATED BASIC ELEMENTS IN PROPOSALS WHICH CARTER EVENTUALLY APPROVED. ADDITIONALLY, RATIANI HAS NEW TWIST TO HIS COMMENT WHICH SUGGESTS, WITHOUT BEING SPECIFIC, THAT WEST EUROPEAN POLITICIANS ARE CONCERNED ABOUT U.S. SALT PROPOSALS BECAUSE "ADVENTUROUSNESS" PRESENTED BY PROPOSALS MAY EFFECT EUROPEAN AFFAIRS. (COMMENT: THIS LINE RECALLS SIMILAR ATTEMPTS TO SHOW SPLITS BETWEEN U.S. AND ALLIES ON HUMAN RIGHTS).

2. SOVIET MILITARY DAILY, KRASNAYA ZVESDA, CARRIES MOST COMPLETE REVIEW OF U.S. PROPOSALS SINCE GROMYKO PRESS CONFERENCE. AUTHOR, GEORGIY SVYATOV OF USA INSTITUTE, CRITICIZES COMPREHENSIVE PROPOSAL ON FOUR COUNTS: DEEP CUTS, HEAVY MISSILE LIMITS, QUALITATIVE LIMITS ON EXISTING SYSTEMS, AND RESTRICTIONS ON NEW ICBM SYSTEMS TO REPLACE EXISTING ONES. ON DEFERRAL PROPOSAL, SVYATOV CRITICIZES U.S. FOR NOT INCLUDING CRUISE MISSILES AND FOR TRYING TO LIMIT BACKFIRE. HE RELIES HEAVILY ON GROMYKO'S ARGUMENTS IN PRESENTING SOVIET POSITION.

3. DEPSITE ABOVE CRITICISM, ALL MAJOR COMMENTS, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL WEEK IN PRAVDA APRIL 10, END ON UPBEAT NOTE THAT POSSIBILITY FOR AGREEMENT REMAINS IF U.S. REALIZES ITS RESPONSIBILITY. BREZHNEV'S REMARKS TO CASTRO ON APRIL 5 ARE CITED TO ADD AUTHORITY TO OPTIMISM THAT "THE DOOR
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REMAINS OPEN" (INTERNATIONAL WEEK).
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